(d) After detailed discussions, the District Magistrates resolved to bring up population related issues upfront and to fully meet the unmet needs for reproductive and child health services so as to reach the replacement level fertility at the earliest. They further decided that District Action Plans would be prepared with short-term, medium-term and long-term objectives. The action plans prepared/being prepared will bring out the position about the infrastructure, human and other resources available and the existing gaps in them with a definite programme of action for covering these gaps within a given time frame. The implementation of the District Action Plans will help imporve the various social, economic and demographic indicators in the districts.

Annual Growth rate

† 3476. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposed a target upto 8 per cent for annual growth rate in the country during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the proposed target for annual growth rate in the field of agriculture, industry and service sector with a view to achieve the said target of annual growth rate and in what manner it is different from the Ninth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission is in the process of formulating the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Task force headed by Montek Singh Ahluwalia

3477. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission set up a Task Force led by Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia;

(b) if so, the reasons, therefore;

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether the Task force has since submitted its report;

(d) if so, the highlights of the report and if not by when the report is expected;

(e) whether the major sectorial policy changes suggested by the Task Force with regard to the rights of labour and creation of new employment opportunities would be presented to Parliament for discussion; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Task Force on "Employment Opportunities" was set up to suggest strategies of employment generation for achieving the target of providing employment opportunities to 10 crore people over the next 10 years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Full Task Force Report has been placed in Parliament'Library (Call No. 331.1R/P1 and Class No. 331.1R). Chapter 8 of the said Report gives Summary of Recommendations.

(e) and (f) The report is under examination.

Construction of NHs in North Eastern States

3478. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH. Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any planning for the areas where the Super National Highways cannot touch specially the land locked areas of the North Eastern States;

(b) the reasons for not touching the required breadth of the roads of National Highways running through the North Eastern States; and

(c) the funds allocated to each NH of the North Eastern States for the year 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Alignment of the National Highway Development Project has been finalised keeping in view the traffic density and maximum economic benefits to the country;